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United States Department of the Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Migratory Bird and Habitat Research Laboratory
Laurel, Maryland 20811

March 10, 1975

Dear Breeding Bird Survey Cooperator:

As I write this letter, it is snowing and we have just had two days of strong (and cold) Northwest winds. Despite these wintry conditions, it is time to start thinking about the Breeding Bird Survey for 1975.

Last year the BBS managed to do quite well despite gasoline problems. The total number of routes submitted was only 40 fewer than in 1973--only about a 2 percent decrease. There are still a few scattered routes which we know were run but haven't come in, as well as a few others of uncertain outcome. Hopefully gasoline will be available throughout June and we can do better than last year. Several of our State coordinators are already "whipping the troops together" and Northern California is completely "booked" at this point.

Please fill out the slip at the bottom of this page and return it promptly (even if you have confirmed your intentions with the State coordinator).

Again this year we are not routinely enclosing a Certificate of Appreciation for 1974 because a tight budget and paper shortage has not allowed us to restock. We do have a small supply and will enclose one with your packet for you or your assistant(s) if you check the appropriate block below. Hopefully a hearty "Thank you for making a tremendous undertaking possible" will suffice for most.

Will do!
Nos. 1 Melrose
2 Galesburg
4 Lapland

21 March
1975

Sincerely yours,

Danny Bystrak

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